THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Security measures at airports in India are in consonance with the standard and recommended practices of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). Taking into account the threat perception and security scenario in civil aviation operations, new/revised Aviation Security Orders/Circulars are issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) from time to time.

(c) While instituting security measures at airports in the country, due care is exercised by the Airport Security Unit to ensure that the security controls and procedures cause minimum of interference with, or delay to the activities of, civil aviation. It is also ensured that enhanced security measures instituted during period of 'alert', cause minimum inconvenience of delays in passenger handling.

Development of Aviation Sector in MP

†2119. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to develop the Aviation Sector in Madhya Pradesh from the tourism point of view, if so, in what manner;

(b) whether some proposals of the State Government in this regard are pending with the Centre;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the schemes will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up various development plans for upgradation of infrastructural facilities at Khajuraho, Bhopal and Indore airports in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) to (d) State Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested AAI to extend and upgrade the runway at Bhopal and Indore airports for operation of wide-bodied jet aircraft and associated facilities and expressed willingness to give required land free of cost and free from all encumbrances. The AAI will take up this work subject to receipt of a firm commitment from airlines to operate wide-bodied jet aircraft through these

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

airports. Presently, there is no commitment/demand from any airlines in this regard.

Renovation of IGI Airport

2120. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to renovate IGI Airport, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the renovation and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon and by when it is expected to be completed;

(d) how far this renovation shall be superior to the Mumbai Airport, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the extraordinary facilities that are to be provided to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) Government has decided to develop and modernise the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi and Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai to world class standards through re-structuring. As per the preliminary estimate the capital investment to the extent of Rs. 7961 crores and Rs. 6131 crores will be required for Delhi and Mumbai airports respectively for this purpose over a period of 20 years in 4 stages of 5 years each.

Facilities at Delhi Airport

2121. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: the steps taken to increase/improve the runways, infrastructural facilities like, restaurants, restrooms/lounges, toilets in the Delhi Airports to cope with the increase in the number of flights operations which is more than 100 in the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Airports Authority of India has initiated a number of steps to increase runway capacity, parking capacity and terminal capacity.

(i) construction of 15 parking stands to be completed by June 2006 at the domestic apron.